

ATIC& GAZEL Arizona Broadband Stakeholder Network Leadership Team Meeting
October 7, 2019, Teleconference Report

Attendees: Steve Peters, Henry Goldberg, Mala Muralidharan

Steve, Mala, and Henry discussed informally next steps for the Arizona Broadband Stakeholder Network (AZBSN) due to the small number of people participating in the teleconference.

Steve is creating a contacts database as a Google Doc spreadsheet that will later be migrated to a CRM platform (most likely the “Mobilize” CRM donated to GAZEL, which has more functionality than Mailchimp). Steve is starting with the list of contacts Mark Goldstein provided for the May 28th roundtable, and Mala will look into whether she can get a contact list of the service providers in the state from the state government procurement office.

Steve wants to organize the next AZBSN roundtable in mid-November before Thanksgiving or in the first week of December. We discussed inviting the following speakers for the roundtable:

-) Ben Blink (Governor’s Technology Policy Advisor)
-) Aaron Magezi (who handles rights-of-way issues for the State Land Dept.)
-) Jeff Sobotka (State Broadband Director),
-) Josh Chisom (Education Superhighway E-rate Program Manager)
-) Mala to discuss Arizona vs national E-rate progress
-) Dr. Ronald Weinstein (Director of the Arizona Telemedicine Program) to discuss broadband issues for telemedicine.

Steve will ask Jeff Sobotka if the Arizona Commerce Authority conference room can be used as the venue for the roundtable (takes too long to arrange the Rio Salado College conference room used at the last roundtable). There is no time to also hold an additional webinar this year beyond the roundtable.

Steve is modifying his current AZBSN sponsorship request document to include the benefits of different levels of sponsorship based on funding provided. He will be contacting a number of service providers as well as other organizations to be AZBSN sponsors.

Henry will write up a summary report of today’s leadership team meeting.